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SUBJ: UPPER HOUSE RESOLUTION ON LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS
FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTION ON LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS PASSED BY UPPER HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22. COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.

STATEMENT

1. THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 29, 1971 WERE AN OPPORTUNITY UNDER THE LAW FOR THE POPULATION TO EXERCISE THEIR CITIZENRIGHTS AND TO SELECT FREELY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

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2. THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION LAW OF JUNE 3, 1971 STIPULATED THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PRESERVE THE FREE AND HONEST CHARACTER OF THE ELECTION OF THE DEPUTIES.

3. THE AUGUST 29, 1971 LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS IN THE CONSTITUENCIES OF BAL LIEU, VINH BINH, PHUOC LONG, BINH LONG, GIA DINH, (CONSTITUENCY NO. 32) BINH THUAN PHU BON, AN

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GIANG CHUONG THEIN TAY NINH, KIEN PHONG, AND BIEN HOA WERE NOT HELD IN A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ACTIONS THAT BETRAYED THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT AND DISTORTED THE MEANING OF THE AUGUST 29, 1971 LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS, THE UPPER HOUSE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE THE CONSTITUTION AND TO REFLECT FAITHFULLY PUBLIC OPINION OPPOSING THESE ACTIONS.
RESOLUTION

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE DISMISS AND APPLY LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST THE PROVINCE CHIEFS WHO HAVE BLATANTLY VIOLATED THE 1971 LOWER HOUSE ELECTION LAW, ESPECIALLY IN BAC LIEU, VINH BINH, PHUOC LONG, PHU BON, AND BINH THUAN.
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